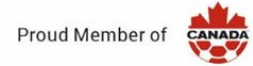




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2024-18
Date: April 11, 2024
To: Ontario Soccer; District Associations and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors; Staff
From: Peter Augurso; Chair, Board of Directors and Johnny Misley, CEO
Subject: Membership Registration Fee – Annual Inflation Adjustment

At a Special Meeting of the Members held on December 12, 2020, the Voting Members approved a motion that:

1. Voting Members would annually vote on any proposed **inflation increase** to Ontario Soccer's Membership Registration Fees.
2. Annual adjustments will be voted on at the Annual Members Meeting (AMM) each year.

It was also agreed that Ontario Soccer would communicate by early spring of each year the inflation rate adjustment for the upcoming registration year.

Thanks to the support of each one of you, Ontario Soccer has been able to navigate the challenging times and has been able to recover and rebuild, ensuring that we continue to serve our soccer community with excellence and dedication.

Together, we have made significant strides in delivering our Strategic and Operational Plans, and our collective efforts have placed us in a better position to fulfill our mission of promoting and developing the sport of soccer in our communities.

In light of our achievements and the stability we have achieved over the past few years, the leadership team at Ontario Soccer is recommending that we:

DO NOT process an "inflation adjustment" for the seasons; 2025 Outdoor and 2025-2026 Indoor.

We believe that maintaining stable membership fees during this time will not only demonstrate our appreciation for your continued support but also provide you with the certainty and stability necessary to plan and budget effectively.

On the other hand, at Canada Soccer's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2024, Canada Soccer has proposed the following motions:

1) Increase of \$3 to the Player Levy in 2025 and an additional \$1 in 2026.

Rationale for proposal:

- Player Levy price has not changed since 2017, so it has diminished in value and spending power.
- If simply adjusted for CPI, the Player Levy should be \$12 (i.e., \$11.90) in 2025.
- Inflation for some of Canada Soccer's core expenditure categories – such as travel – has increased faster than CPI.
- This is a true-up so that the Player Levy retains its value from 2017.

2) Impact investment in women's professional football and Youth National Teams.

What is being proposed:

- **Increase of \$1 to Player Levy in 2025 and an additional \$1 in 2026.**
- Proceeds divided evenly between women's professional football (i.e., Project 8) and Youth National Teams. Transparent reporting of where in the budget the funds are used and the impact they are having.

Rationale for proposal:

- Women's professional football and Youth National Teams are strategic priorities.
- Project 8 creates an equitable competitive pathway.
- FIFA's strategic plan is increasing international youth competitions.

3) Ongoing CPI adjustments for 2027 and beyond.

What is being proposed:

- **Starting in 2027, a CPI increase of the Player Levy and Membership Affiliation Fees** would be applied if approved by membership at the AMM.

Rationale for proposal:

- 4)** Annual approval of a CPI increase allows for the membership to evaluate the appropriateness of a CPI adjustment on an annual basis.
- Allows for the membership to build confidence in Canada Soccer's transparency and reporting mechanisms before approving further fee increases after 2026.

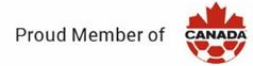
Our Board of Directors and the Voting Members Council (District representatives) have directed that Ontario Soccer NOT APPROVE the motions until such time as Canada Soccer can demonstrate fiscal responsibility and stewardship of the organization. However, when the membership of Canada Soccer votes on these, and other motions, there are a total of 86 votes, mostly made of the Provinces and Territories as well as the Professional Clubs and Leagues. Ontario Soccer has 10 votes. Additionally, National team players, coaches and officials have 1 vote each.



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If the motions pass, even though we vote against them, Ontario Soccer will be mandated to implement the Player Levy Fee increase beginning with the 2025 outdoor season. We will know the outcome of the vote on May 4th and will advise the membership accordingly the following week to prepare budgets for 2025 and our Annual Meeting of the Members in September.

Once again, we extend my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for your support and commitment to building soccer in Ontario.

Appendix:

Bank of Canada

Bank of Canada - Historical Data	
Year	Inflation Rate (%)
2023	3.9%
2022	6.8%
2021	3.4%
2020	0.7%
2019	1.9%

Appendix 2: Inflation Adjustments

Annual Inflation Adjustment	
Year	Outdoor
2025	0.0%
2024 *	3.4%
2023	3.4%

Annual Inflation Adjustment	
Year	Indoor
2025-2026	0.0%
2024-2025	3.4%
2023-2024	3.4%

* 2024 Ontario Soccer proposed 3.4% increase in these unusual times of high inflation for our membership.

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